

The Alexandria Gazette

WEDNESDAY EVENING, AUGUST 10.

The Cumberland, Md., Union of Saturday publishes an account of a skirmish which took place on the 10th, between the Confederates under Gens. Bradley T. Johnson and McCausland, and the Federals under Gen. Kelly. After some skirmishing the Confederates fell back. On the following morning Gen. Stough of the 153d Ohio, who had been sent by Gen. Kelly to the neighborhood of Oldtown, with four hundred and fifty men, to intercept the Confederates in their retreat, was himself attacked and compelled to fall back across the river. A portion of his forces took the road to Cumberland, but Col. Stough with the remainder threw himself into a block house. Being surrounded there and having a lock of his hair twisted from his head by a minue ball, the Colonel, together with some forty men, surrendered and was paroled. There is no further news of Averill's reported defeat of the Confederates, on Sunday last, at Moorefield, and the capture of all their artillery, as announced yesterday by Gen. Kelly on the authority of a scout. It is probably, therefore, a mere report.

The Washington correspondent of the New York World states that there is every reason to believe that the recent movement of the Confederates, on the Upper Potomac, were simply for the purpose of deceiving the Administration at Washington and General Grant.—There can scarcely be a doubt, it is said, that the Confederates are sending troops from every quarter to overwhelm Sherman, the supposition being that not less than thirty thousand of Lee's veterans were hurried over the Danville road to reinforce Hood as soon as it was definitely settled that neither Petersburg nor Richmond were any longer in danger of capture by Grant.

A Planter of Prince George county, Md., states that yield of tobacco in that famous tobacco growing region will not this year exceed a thousands hogsheads. The usual crop in the county is ten thousands hogsheads, or one fourth of the entire product of the State of Maryland. The corn, where it has been planted in rich soil, and has been well cultivated, may average half a crop, but in many quaters (particularly in Charles county) the corn has been cut up for fodder; and no man can foresee how the poor are to get on during the coming winter.

President Lincoln has rescinded the order issued by Gen. Hunter banishing the Confederate sympathizers of Frederick (Md.) beyond the Federal lines. The two gentlemen who were sent outside the lines will be permitted to return upon taking the oath of allegiance to the U. S. government.

A Federal picket guard, of three men, was captured by the Confederates, near Annandale, on the old Braddock road, on Monday. Four horses were also captured at the same time.

Tennysen's new volume of poems has been published in Boston. The story of "Enoch Arden," is one of the best productions of the author.

According to a dispatch from Fort Kearney, the Indians have resumed hostilities. On Monday eight hundred Indians attacked a train of nine wagons a mile east of Plum Creek, killed all the men with the train, burned the wagons, and drove off the stock. Two women and four children are supposed to be taken prisoners. The Indians afterward attacked a train three times near the same place, but were driven off. They also burned twenty-seven wagons at Point Ranche, and drove off the stock. At dusk the Indians attacked Boyd's ranche, on Wood river. Col. Sumner, with eighty mounted men, started for the place, where the train was burned, and Major O'Brien started from Cottonwood with a company of troops to co-operate with him. About noon another band drove off some stock from Dayton. They were pursued by a small number of troops to the bluff, where the Indians were found in force, and after a brief skirmish the troops were compelled to retire, with a loss of three men.

The Baltimore American says: "The Court of Inquiry which assembled at the headquarters of the Army of the Potomac, to investigate the cause of the disaster before Petersburg, decided that on the account of the illegality of its appointment, it had no power to examine witnesses or go into the merits of the question. The matter has, therefore, been referred back to Gen. Meade, and it is stated that he intends preferring charges against Gen. Burnside, who, in that event, will have to be tried by court martial."

The National Intelligencer in an article on the "protest" of Messrs. Wade and Davis against Mr. Lincoln's recent proclamation, in reference to the "reorganizations of the States," concludes by saying: "It is highly creditable to the Republican party that it tolerates so much freedom of opinion in its own ranks. We only ask that it will concede a small modicum of the same liberty to its political opponents."

According to accounts from France the Emperor Maximilian, on his arrival at the City of Mexico, was assured by the United States Government of its readiness to receive a minister from the new Emperor of Mexico, and to accredit one to the Emperor Maximilian. According to diplomatic usage it is duty of the new sovereign to take the first step, and this will at once be adopted by the Emperor Maximilian.

The recent "protest" of Senator Wade and Henry Winter Davis, against President Lincoln's action on the "reorganization bill," attract much notice at the North. The "protestors" are now considered "Anti-Lincoln men."

The Northern papers have another sensation story this morning. Buffalo is to be burned; the canal locks at Lockport destroyed and the d—l kicked up generally—all by "rebel raiders" from Canada. We are assured that "ample preparations have been made by the military authorities to meet any emergency."

The re-exportation of considerable quantities of tea and coffee at New York to Europe shows that the prices of those articles to consumers have been raised so high as to largely reduce the demand.

PENNSYLVANIA.

HARRISBURG, Aug. 9—The extra session of the Legislature met to-day. Gov. Curtin, in his message, calls upon the Legislature to take some action for the defence of the State. He speaks of the support rendered by Pennsylvania to the National Government; and, having fulfilled all her obligations, he says she has a right to be defended by the national forces, as a part of the common country.

The Governor quotes a letter addressed by him, together with Gov. Bradford, of Maryland, to President Lincoln, asking that the recruits raised by the two States shall be credited to the quotas on the last call made, and be armed, equipped, and supplied as other volunteers in the service. A letter from the Adjutant General's office, dated August 1, 1864, the only reply yet received states that "the proposition has been fully considered, and that the authority asked for cannot be granted."

The suggestion, the Governor says, has been frequently made by unreflecting persons that the State could raise a force and keep it permanently in the field for her defence. Apart from other considerations, it is to be observed that the expenses of such a measure would be quite beyond the present ability of the State. To raise and maintain an army of fifteen regiments—and any smaller force would be inadequate—would involve an annual expenditure of more than fifteen millions of dollars.

Mr. D. W. Clarke, a young and wealthy planter, of Prince George county, Md., put an end to his life on Saturday by shooting himself through the head with a pistol. He had been for some time in a gloomy condition of mind, and his friends were preparing to take him on a journey, hoping that he would derive benefit from a change of air and scene. On Friday he wrote a letter, in which he stated he could not trust himself any longer, and expressed the desire that ten thousand dollars of his estate might be given to a lady to whom he was betrothed. Mrs. Mulligan, a lady residing in the same neighborhood, has also deceased, and Mrs. Contee, widow of Captain John Contee, late of the U. S. Navy, who was an accomplished lady, essayed to visit one of daughters, and although in usual health, she expired within half an hour after crossing the threshold.

Gen. Grant has returned from Washington to the army of the Potomac.

DIED.

On Sunday evening, August 7th, after a few hours illness, FRANK S., in the 6th year of his age, son of James S. and Jane E. Campbell, of Alexandria, Va.

KIDNAPPED.—\$20 REWARD.—My son, WILLIAM HENRY BAYLOR, was kidnapped from the Market House, in Alexandria, on Tuesday morning, the 26th of July. He is aged about 14 years, is about 5 feet high and stout; very dark complexion, full mouth with very short white teeth, and when taken off had a full suit of hair. He had a scar on his forehead, just above the right eye; when spoken to he is very polite and pleasant in his manner. He had on a brown mixed shirt and greyish pantaloons, was barefooted and had on an old slouch hat. As he is my son on whom I am dependant, (his brother being blind and lame,) I am most anxious that he should return to me, and I will give \$20 reward for any information that will lead to a knowledge of his whereabouts. PRISCILLA STARK, Formerly Priscilla Baylor, Colored. aug 10—3t

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